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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to the use of a cortisol antagonist in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of heart failure as well as to a method of treating heart failure which comprises administration of a cortisol antagonist and to a product containing (a) a cortisol antagonist and (b) a second drug as a combined preparation for simultaneous, separate or sequential use in the treatment of heart failure or in improving cardiac function and reducing exercise intolerance.